

REMARKS

The undersigned wishes to thank Examiner Thornton for the teleconference conducted on November 2, 2004. The amendments to claims 16, 30 and 35 traverses the § 112 rejection. The undersigned apologizes to Examiner Thornton for the typographical errors that led to this rejection.

With respect to the prior art rejection of claims 30-32 and 35, the undersigned has agreed with Examiner Thornton that the above amendments would place independent claims 30 and 35 in a condition for allowance. Specifically, no combination of Nachbur and Aoai teaches or suggests a repeating unit of Formula 2 with the monomer "b" present. Further, no combination of Nachbur and Aoai teaches or suggests the repeating unit of Formula 3, without any restrictions. Therefore, the independent claims which require a repeating unit selected from the group consisting of Formula 2 and Formula 3 wherein, if Formula 2 is the repeating unit, monomer "b" must be present is clearly allowable over any hypothetical combination of Nachbur and Aoai.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in a condition for allowance and an early action so indicating is respectfully requested.

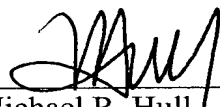
The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-2855.

Respectfully submitted,

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